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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 22, 2002 OFFICE ACTION AND
PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to an October 22, 2002 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the October 22, 2002 Office Action was due January 22, 2003. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time. Applicants have previously established small entity status. The required fee for a two-month extension of time for a small entity is \$205.00 and a check for this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the October 22, 2002 Office Action is now due March 22, 2003. However, since March 22, 2003 falls on a Saturday, a response filed on the next business day, i.e. Monday, March 24, 2003, is considered timely. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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